

City of Canby
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2020

Note: Due to the COVID-19 this meeting was held using Zoom

Commission members present: Janet Bailey, Bob Cambra, Clint Coleman, Jackie Jones, Tom Rushton, Chris Wadsworth,

City members present: Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department; Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works

Excused: Traci Hensley, DeAnna Ball-Karb, Officer Chris Macom , Jerry Nelzen

Others present: none

Approval of Minutes: The draft of the February 14th minutes were reviewed, moved, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input: none

Chairman's Report: Clint shared our Traffic Safety Commission meeting today was the first City of Canby Committee meeting held via Zoom.

He noted and complimented the new Portable Radar Device (an Armadillo Traffic Analyzer) recommended to us by Public Works to measure traffic counts has proven to be quite effective.

Clint explained he is waiting to hear at our next meeting from the Commission members for their recommendation of the placement/location of digital speed signs on 13th & Berg Parkway.

He shared Councilor Hensley passed along an email of a concerned citizen recommending crosswalks be installed at N Territorial & N Maple St in light of the new water park being built. He passed this along to the Mayor, City Manager and Public Works, along with concerns about N Territorial & N Redwood. He went on to say these concerns would become more pressing with the Scott Apartments project proceeding on Territorial.

He explained with Budgets being tight he mentioned the idea of a Public / Private Partnership whereby if a Neighborhood bought one digital speed sign would the City buy one as well.

He encouraged Bob & Janet to consider renewing their membership on the commission for another term as their terms are expiring.

He thanked everyone for their continued efforts in behalf of the city and its citizens.

Old Business:

New Business:

Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department: Sandy shared the Planning Department has been and continues to be very busy. Currently there are 4 to 5 projects waiting to move forward. These include: a new development in the industrial park area (Baker Center, across from Columbia Distribution Ctr. Scheduled for August 10th PC meeting), 28 lots in the Redwood Landing development (scheduled for the July 27th Planning Commission Meeting), Hope Village South (156 units) scheduled for August 10th. In addition, they are working on 5 pre-construction meetings. There was also a small development approved (9 homes) for N. Redwood. She indicated the discussion about the parking on N. Redwood highlights the need for updating the Canby Transportation System Plan. A request for a grant will be submitted by the end of July.

Board Members Reports:

Janet Bailey expressed concern and hope the Fred Myer intersection is completed as soon as possible. The intersection reportedly is becoming dangerous with a combination of increased traffic and construction changes. She asked when would the intersection be actually completed.

Spencer Polack from Public Works shared while he did not know the official completion dateline, he knew the large signal light arms had arrived at the Public Works work yard. So progress is happening.

Jackie Jones shared the observation since the COVID-19 restrictions traffic is lower in numbers but speeding has increased and is going faster. She stated with the increase of actual houses being built off S. Fir and 13th, there is a need for a new traffic study. She also agreed there is a need for a crosswalk at N. Maple and Territorial. She explained local social media post expressed concern about vehicles running signal lights on 99Hwy.

Tom Rushton: While Tom was in attendance for the Zoom meeting he was having technical problems verbally sharing. He sent an email to members expressing what he was going to say during the meeting. The following is condensed from his email.

During the months of March and April he was out driving a little. The traffic in south Canby was less congested, but faster traffic overall. Looking ahead to this summer and fall, both S Fir & S Elm at S 13th need to be monitored as the Beck Pond development sells and becomes occupied, the traffic patterns will change quickly. This S Fir St area will be impacted by 2 more large developments by 2021. Long term street parking (over 72 hours) is still an issue on S Fir St. There has been a motor home parked on S Fir St for weeks, if not months in the same spot, just uphill from a dry well drain. He tried contacting City Code Enforcement, but couldn't find the email. He requested and received the Canby Code Enforcement email and phone.

The speed signs that Public Works put up on S Fir St last year are helping. He will be monitoring traffic speed especially dump trucks as the summer building season goes into full swing. He wanted to echo the driving dangers at the Fred Meyer stop light construction area and hope that project wraps up soon.

He also stated he would be driving the N Redwood St area before the next meeting and see what the driving and street parking looks like; not a part of town he normally sees.

Chris Wadsworth shared she attended the Monday Feb 20th, neighborhood meeting by the developer for the N. Redwood annex. She also spoke about an on going concern for "the parking spaces that are on Redwood just north of 11th at the entrance to Garden Crossing." She explained when you pull out of Garden Crossing it is impossible to see around the vehicles that are parked there without getting half your car out into the north bound lane of Redwood. With the increase of new homes and the amount of vehicles utilizing Redwood Street, she would like to have someone review this area of 11th and Redwood at the same time. There are fifty-six homes in Garden Crossing and as of the last vehicle report provided by our HOA Management Company there are 108 vehicles registered in Garden Crossing. The townhomes will accommodate one hundred twelve vehicles and we have twenty-one on-street parking spaces inside Garden Crossing. So reducing a few or all the parking spaces on Redwood should not impact residents living in Garden Crossing. The vehicles that are currently parked on Redwood in front of Garden Crossing violate the City of Canby 72 hour parking rule. Three vehicles that are parked there have not turned a wheel in over three weeks and unfortunately they are full size trucks which add to the issue of not being able to have a clear line of site when pulling out of Garden Crossing." This issue will be further discussed at next month's meeting.

Bob Cambra wanted to reintroduce for action a topic discussed many times and which he had previously sent out a detailed email. The concern is the problem created by allowing parking on N. Redwood. He shared some data he gathered. The actual roadway measurements, as previously indicated by Public Works, one side is wider than the other. The paved lane toward Territorial is 10

feet wide, which fits the City standard (from the Canby Transportation System Plan December 2010 - standard street standards not low volume street). The paved lane toward Hwy 99 is 16 feet 6 inches with an additional 19 inches for the middle stripping. Thus the 16 feet 6 inches has 10 feet for traffic but only has six feet 6 inches remaining for parking. It is 6 inches short for the 2010 standard. The standard is ten years old. But more importantly, Six feet is inadequate for the size of today's vehicles. If you look at Fred Meyer's parking stalls or Cutsforth's, you will see today's household trucks are bigger and occupy the whole spacing space and sometimes overflow. This also applies to today's SUVs and crossover vehicles. The Fred Meyer parking space measures 105 inches (8 Feet and 9 inch) with just the space not including the lines. Cutsforth's is 109 inches (9feet and 1 inch). This means we need 8 feet 9inches at minimum and 9 for sure for a parking space on a busy street. He explained the Redwood lane is at least two feet short. It is no wonder cars need to stop and move to the other lane when encountering a parked car on this street area. We need to consider having no parking on Redwood unless the paved areas are increased significantly. The City has already restricted parking on the upper part of N. Redwood closer to Hwy 99. This should be the standard for the whole stretch of this roadway. Secondly, this is a very busy connector street. It is an area that is also currently experiencing lots of housing growth (21new homes already built) and this will continue with addition subdivision just recently approved. This problem isn't going away and will become a big issue soon. This issue will be further discussed at next month's meeting.

Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works: Spencer explained Public Works has continued to serve Canby. There was a brief period of adjustment to the Covid-19 Virus but they have been fully back to work with social distancing awareness rules in place. He shared the results of the vehicle speed research on N. Redwood done utilizing the Portable Radar Device (an Armadillo Traffic Analyzer). These results were previously shared by email to all of the commission members. Spenser was concerned the vehicle numbers may be less then normal as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions and less people movement, employment closures, and school closures. He explained the numbers reflect traffic counts of vehicles going both ways on N. Redwood. He was thanked for his efforts, participation, and providing this important information.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be July 10, 2020 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra
Secretary